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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - DISCUSSION WITH AZIZ.

SUMMARY: IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH AZIZ, HE PROVIDED FODAG WITH COPIES MINUTES INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, THOUGHTS ON LENGTH SECOND PREPCOM AND MAREI SCHEDULE. END SUMMARY.

1. FODAG OBTAINED EARLY VERSION OF MINUTES FIRST INTER-AGENCY MEETING OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HELD IN ROME FEBRUARY 25-26. COPIES BEING FORWARDED AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND MILLS, IO/AGR. MINUTES BASICALLY CONSIST OF AGENCY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DOCUMENT PREPARATION TIED TO PROPOSED AGENDA. MEETING AGREED TO FORWARD CONTRIBUTIONS TO AZIZ (DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF WFC) AND DUTIA (SECRETARY OF FAO TASK FORCE ON WFC). GROUP ALSO AGREED A SECOND MEETING OF ONE DAY SHOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA IN JULY, "TO REVIEW THE FINAL DOCUMENTS ON ASSESSMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION."

2. WITH REGARD TO LENGTH OF SECOND PREPCOM, AZIZ RECALLED THAT NO FIRM DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY FIRST PREPCOM. CONTACT WITH UN IN GENEVA HAD REVEALED CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES DUE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBILITY OF SEVERAL MATTERS BEING SCHEDULED AT SAME TIME,

NOTABLY ARAB/ISRAELI TALKS. AZIZ INDICATED THAT CURRENT THINKING WAS FOR FLEXIBLE APPROACH WITH PLANS BEING MADE SO THAT MEETING ITSELF COULD DETERMINE WHETHER FURTHER TIME WAS REQUIRED. HE IMPLIED UN SECRETARIAT WOULD BE FORCED TO AGREE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IF MEETING SO DESIRED.

3. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULE OF MAREI WAS REQUESTED, AZIZ DEMURRED AND INSTEAD GAVE GENERAL SCENARIO FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS FOR MAREI TRAVEL PLANS. SPECIFIC DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL DEPEND ON FORMAL GOVERNMENT CLEARANCE BUT THINKING IS THAT AFTER ALGIERS AND ECAFE SESSIONS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, MAREI WILL VISIT DACCA, NEW DELHI, ISLAMABAD, TEHRAN, AND GULF STATES. PROVISION IS BEING MADE FOR MAREI ATTENDANCE AT SPECIAL SESSION OF GA APRIL 9 IF THIS CONSIDERED NECESSARY. MAREI ALSO PLANNING TO ATTEND ECONOMIC COMMISSION WESTERN ASIA (ECWA) AFTER WHICH HE MIGHT VISIT MOSCOW, BRUSSELES AND POSSIBLY PARIS. HE MAY ATTEND ECOSOC SESSION IN NEW YORK AND FOLLOW WITH VISITS TO WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA. AZIZ INDICATED THAT IN ATTEMPT TO KEEP ALL BASES COVERED, MAREI WOULD LIKELY ATTEND FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCES FOR AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA ALTHOUGH FINAL PLANS WILL NECESSARILY DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS. VOLPE

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